

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 676

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jared Reed Powelson, 2000
Salutatorian of Beech High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jared Reed Powelson is one such exceptional student who recently was named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Beech High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Jared has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Jared has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average; he completed honors courses in at least four subjects in each of his four years of high school and ranked second academically in his class of 337 students; and

WHEREAS, Jared has been a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years, serving as FFA Treasurer his junior year and Vice President his senior year; he has also been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Beta Club, the National Honor Society and the Junior Classical League, and the National Vocational Technical Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Jared has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in each of his four years at Beech. He received a Physical Science I Honors Award, an Academic Letter of Merit, and an FFA Music and Talent Award his freshman year. Jared received FFA Leadership Training Camp Awards for Outstanding Leader and Best Athlete, the Introduction to Psychology/Sociology Award, the Academic Letter of Merit, and a Certificate of Honorable Merit *Magna Cum Laude* for Outstanding Performance in the National Latin Examination his sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, Jared received an Academic Letter of Merit and a Certificate of Honorable Merit *Maxima Cum Laude* for Outstanding Performance in the National Latin Examination his junior year; and

WHEREA, as a senior, Jared won awards at the FFA Leadership Training Camp for Outstanding Leader and Best Sport, the Rotary Club of Hendersonville Scholastic Achievement Award, the Camp Clements FFA Leadership Camp Extemporaneous Speaking Winner and, in addition, was a member of the Middle Tennessee Champion FFA Parliamentary Procedure and Opening and Closing Ceremonial Teams; and

WHEREAS, Jared Powelson has been an active member of Our Lady of the Lake parish in the Total Youth Ministries (TYM), a sophomore and junior class representative on the TYM council, a member of the Youth Choir and the Adult Choir, a volunteer for the Room in the Inn program for homeless men, and the Praise and Worship Leader of CrossRoads Ministries at New Community Church; and

WHEREAS, Jared's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Jared's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mark and Pat Powelson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jared's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Beech High School Salutatorian, Jared Reed Powelson, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.